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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 1993 AT 6:00 P.M. IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

ASSOCIATION
DES ÉTUDIANTS
ET ÉTUDIANTES
DE L'UNIVERSITÉ
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**Documents Considered:**

**BD-D1:** **Report of the V.P. Services**
**BD-D2:** **Report of the V.P. Information & Liaison**
**BD-D3:** **Report of the V.P. Finance**
**BD-D4:** **Attendance Policy 5.5**
**BD-D5:** **Letter from the Concordian**

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

M. Giles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## 2.0 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

**MOTION TO APPOINT M. GILES AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

**VOTE ON MOTION TO APPOINT M. GILES AS CHAIRPERSON OF THIS MEETING** **UNANIMOUS**

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- **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

**CO-PRESIDENTS**
Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

**ARTS AND SCIENCE**
Nada Al-Yazdi (8:00 p.m.)
Maha Asfour
Pascale Batchoun
Ken Blackburn
Genevieve Grenier
Shafik Mina
Ken McMurray
Laurie Nicholson
Stacy Schacter (6:45 p.m.)
Christine Vieira (6:35 p.m.)

**COMMERCE**
Kristina Bolh (left at 8:35 p.m.)
Marc Fares
Emmanuel Kamukama (8:00 p.m.)
Paul O'Connor

**ENGINEERING**
Len Podgurny

**ABSENT**

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| **Arts and Science:** | Helen Ora Cohen (w/r), Tony Nicolas |
| **Commerce:** | Kassan Rahhal (w/r) |
| **Engineering:** | Mohamed Raza Jivraj |

## 3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 147th Meeting be approved.**

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: S. Mina

S. Mina suggested that in the future the agenda be made available to directors a few days prior to the meeting. P. Dalton replied that if the Steering Committee could meet one (1) week prior to the meeting, the agendas could be distributed a few days ahead of time.

**VOTE ON MOTION** **UNANIMOUS**

## 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 4.1 Meeting of Thursday, September 23, 1993

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 146th meeting held on 23/09/93 be approved.**

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Grimes

**VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE** **UNANIMOUS**

**4.2 Meeting of Friday, September 10, 1993**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10/09/93 be approved.**

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Grimes

**VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE** **UNANIMOUS**

## 5.0 REPORTS

### 5.1 Executive Reports

L. Grimes stated that tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. the contract for the construction of the Mezzanine will be signed and added that construction will begin days later. She added that the project should be completed by mid to late December with the opening in January.

L. Grimes stated that H. Von Feldegg has filed suit for damages and added that the Board should not be terribly worried with this issue.

L. Grimes stated that she has been busy reviewing contracts for the Campus Centre, the Mezzanine and added that she would like these agreements formalized in stone before this Board leaves office.

L. Grimes stated that the Cusacorp Board will be reviewing the applications forthcoming for the General Operations Manager position which has been advertised in the Gazette. She added that over forty serious applications have been received thus far and added that the Cusacorp Board will be meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. to begin initial screening. Lana stated that she will be seeking the guidance of a resource personnel expert with regards to the type of questions and conduct of the interview. She added that her ambition is to have someone hired within the next two weeks to manage the Campus Centre, and oversee downtown as well.

M. Giles, V.P. Academic stated that new constitutions have been received and added that the Board will be receiving in the next week a detailed month end report for the month of September. She added that tomorrow there will be an Arts & Science student caucus meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Cusa offices to set up committees for Arts & Science faculty council.

A. Ghaemi stated that he has been occupied with clubs' requests. L. Nicholson asked for clarification with regards to the womens' issue reported in the Concordian. A. Ghaemi replied that P-103 was not occupied when this administration came into office and added that once he spoke to the groups occupying space adjacent to the occupants of P-103, they confirmed that this office wasn't resourcefully utilized and that these clubs weren't active since last December. Ali stated that since group requests were forthcoming for space he decided to house three (3) groups in P-103, the English Students Association, the Irish Students Associations and the Physics Students Association. He concluded by saying
that he will make a concerted effort to find space for these womens' groups.

A. Brousseau, V.P. Finance, apologized for the by-election paragraph in his report and asked the Board to disregard it.

F. Khader, V.P. Information & Liaison, stated that he has been busy the last few weeks with the Used Bookstore. He added that the association made a profit of two thousand dollars and stated that he is still receiving requests from students who did not respect their contracts and consequently either did not pick up their books on time or collect any profits from the sales of their textbooks, in addition to refunds not claimed from the last administration. Fadi stated that he is having difficulty assessing these requests and added that he would like the Board's input with this issue.

F. Khader stated that there are records from last year and added that if the Board grants him permission he will go through these records and reimburse students as he sees fit. A. Brousseau replied that the records are incomplete and going forward with this issue could result in the potential for fraud.

C. Vieira stated that contracts should be abided by since dates were clearly specified in the contracts.

P. Dalton suggested that F. Khader review the cases in question with M. Richards and reach firm definitive conclusions.

L. Nicholson stated that the Board has to be cautious with this issue since a class action suit could be brought forth by all students who did not receive their money from last year. A. Brousseau replied that the possibility of a lot of unknown contracts surfacing could result in the association refunding an unknown amount to an unknown number of students.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Moved by: S. Mina
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

**VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE** **UNANIMOUS**

**5.2 Judicial Board and Chief Returning Officer**

J. Chatelain stated that advertising for the by-elections will be taking place until Friday in addition to flyers and

posters distributed through all possible avenues informing students of the nomination dates. She added that advertising has also been taking place for polling clerks and ballot counters and that she has received thirty applications thus far. Jasmine stated that interviews for the polling clerks are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, in Mugshots and added that a training session is scheduled for Friday, October 15th for all polling clerks.

J. Chatelain stated that she decided to hire two groups, one for ballot counters and one for polling clerks. She added that the information meetings for candidates for the Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday at 9:00 p.m. in Mugshots and added that there will be a panel discussion for the candidates which is scheduled for Thursday, October 14th. Jasmine stated that there is also a public meeting for the formation of referendum committees scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th.

J. Chatelain stated that she has booked space for advertising in newspapers and added that she has booked banner space as well for any candidates that may want it.

A. Brousseau asked to know if the expenses thus far are on budget. J. Chatelain replied that they are on target thus far.

L. Grimes stated that the by-elections headquarters offices will be moved to H-222 to avoid any controversy from arising.

**5.1 Executive Reports**

F. Khader proceeded with finishing his report.

L. Podgurny asked F. Khader how many students have come forth from last year claiming their money or their books. F. Khader replied that approximately ten such cases have surfaced thus far. L. Podgurny suggested that these cases be dealt with appropriately and that this issue be consequently closed.

P. Dalton suggested that supporting documentation should be forthcoming in order for students to obtain refunds.

**Motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT after Friday, October 15th, no money or no books be re-imbursed to students.**

Moved by: L. Nicholson
Seconded by: K. Bolh

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT no claims be accepted beyond this point, for last year and this year.**

Moved by: L. Podgurny

Seconded by: S. Schacter

**VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND** **6/8/1** **FAILED**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT documents substantiating the fact that claims were made before the deadline be reimbursed for last year.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: M. Fares

**VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND** **UNANIMOUS**

S. Schacter asked to know what means will be taken to notify students of this motion. L. Grimes replied that receptionists will be notified and added that ads will be posted notifying students.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: G. Grenier
Seconded by: K. McMurray

**VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION** **12/1/2** **CARRIED**

**VOTE ON MOTION** **14/1/0** **CARRIED**

## 6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT OF THE VP (ADMINISTRATION)

### 6.1 Motion to Recognize CHABAD House - Concordia

A. Ghaemi stated that he brought Chabad House to the Board two weeks ago and added that since then a meeting took place between all three Jewish groups, those being Chabad House, Save All Jews Everywhere and the Concordia Jewish Students Union. He added that these groups do not want to operate as an umbrella group, do not want to join each other and want to be active on campus as separate groups.

A. Ghaemi stated that he is consequently asking that the Board recognize Save All Jews Everywhere and Chabad House as separate groups and associations on campus.

**Motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Save All Jews Everywhere and Chabad House be recognized as separate CUSA groups and associations on campus.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Nicholson

P. Dalton stated that the Co-Presidents attended the meeting with the three Jewish groups and added that when the meeting took place Chabad House and SAJE were willing to share and work within the current confines of the Concordia Jewish Students Union. He added that representatives from Hillel, which is not in fact Hillel as they have not had a vote on that yet, and that as it stands they are the Concordia Jewish Students Union and bound to its constitution, did not want to participate in having some type of merger.

P. O'Connor stated that the essence of this motion is having three groups working apart, rather than together which is counter-productive as three different budgets will have to be allocated every year to these groups. A. Ghaemi replied that by recognizing these two groups on campus, they have agreed never to approach CUSA for funding and a budget. He added that he doesn't see how the Board could turn down this request, being as it may that it chose to recognize two Muslim groups on campus.

P. O'Connor stated that this issue is creating a precedence for members of groups to question whether their group is political or social enough and consequently rather than attempting to work this issue out internally, the route to take becomes to form a new group.

A. Ghaemi asked to know what the reasoning was in the Board choosing to recognize two Muslim groups. P. O'Connor replied that he is against the idea of recognizing two Muslim groups and added that he feels that they should be working together. He added that the fact that the Board went ahead in recognizing two Muslim groups does not imply that he will blindly support every other group that wishes to split.

A. Ghaemi stated that he does not feel comfortable going back to these three groups with a negative reply, given that the Board created a precedence by recognizing two Muslim groups.

C. Vieira agreed with P. O'Connor and stated that if in the past the Board chose to recognize two Muslim groups, that was a mistake and added that it is time to set a precedence right now. She suggested that if the motion passes to recognize three different groups that the budget be split three ways to accomodate all three groups.

A. Ghaemi suggested that the Concordia Jewish Students Union continue to receive a budget from CUSA and that the two groups seeking recognition from the association do not receive any funding. He added that if the membership numbers of these two new groups becomes strong enough to make it possible to take over the main Jewish group on campus, only then will it be possible for them to become democratically the executive of the latter and receive the funding they may need.

(Time: 7:30 p.m.)

G. Grenier asked to know if the Muslim group, that was recently recognized by CUSA, will receive funding. A. Ghaemi replied that they will not receive funding from the association and are recognized by the association to facilitate the process of booking space from the university.

L. Podgurny asked to know if the constitutions of these three groups are distinctly different from one another. A.

Ghaemi replied that all three groups have constitutions. L. Podgurny stated that the constitutions he saw at the last meeting were not adequately prepared and did not fulfill all the criteria that a constitution should have included in its' content. A. Ghaemi stated that the constitution that L. Podgurny is referring to is the one circulated by Chabad House.

L. Grimes clarified to the Board the fact that the Muslim group ratified in the summer merely attained a conditional ratification, pending a review of their constitution from Judicial Board.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA continue to recognize the Concordia Jewish Students Union which addresses the full spectrum of concerns, interests and politics of the Jewish Students at Concordia, and;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SAJE, Hillel and Chabad House be given the same status as other groups with strong external affiliations, that is to say, they receive a mailbox at CUSA and will gladly receive their messages.**

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: P. Dalton

There were no objections to this amendment.

L. Grimes stated that a strong Jewish students union does not exist on campus and should be encouraged. She added that if the Board is to make any stand on this issue, this is the stand she is proposing it takes.

M. Asfour suggested that the Board set a policy on this issue in its entirety. L. Grimes replied that the motion sets a precedence strong enough that it should be a policy.

A. Brousseau asked to know if the budget will be granted to the Concordia Jewish Students Union if this motion passes. L. Grimes replied that the Concordia Jewish Students Union currently receives a budget from CUSA and has in the past. She added that the association has never discussed, ratified or recognized Hillel and stated that when the group is named Hillel, it differs substantially from the Concordia Jewish Students Union.

L. Grimes stated that the amendment stated that the association will not be recognizing SAJE, Chabad House and Hillel since these groups have strong external affiliations and are on their own, without CUSA's help.

S. Mina stated that the Board is being unfair and added that it should set a precedence by setting one budget broken into three components. He added that the Board will consequently relieve itself from accusations of favoring one group over another.

P. Dalton stated that there is overlapping membership between these three groups and added that the executive of the Concordia Jewish Students Union were elected as such, not as the executive of Hillel Concordia. He added that Hillel Concordia does not exist formally.

P. Dalton stated that the pro-Hillel executive of the Concordia Jewish Students Union did not wish to cooperate with the other two groups due to financial considerations.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: L. Podgurny

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| **VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION** | **12/3/0** | **CARRIED** |
| **VOTE ON MOTION** | **4/11/0** | **FAILED** |

**6.2 Motion to recognize Save All Jews Everywhere**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Save All Jews Everywhere be recognized as a CUSA group.**

Moved by: G. Grenier
Seconded by: P. Dalton

P. Dalton stated that there is a will to have SAJE, Chabad and Hillel active on campus He added that the primary obstacle to this end is the possible division of the CJSU's budget and the outside affiliations. He suggested that the Board allow these three groups the option of being separate entities affiliated with outside groups and with no budget, or the option of working together under the umbrella of the Concordia Jewish Students Union, allowing the CJSU to divide its budget as it sees fit.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board call a meeting of the representatives from CJSU, Hillel, SAJE and Chabad to present them with the following options:**

- **to be recognized as three separate groups with heavy outside affiliations and no budget granted by CUSA.**
- **to work under the recognized umbrella of the CJSU and be granted a budget by CUSA.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the office space be utilized by all three groups.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: K. Bolh

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| **VOTE ON MOTION** | **13/0/0** | **CARRIED** |

L. Grimes suggested that the V.P. Administration bring back to the Board a policy on this issue and on other

outstanding issues regarding clubs as he sees fit.

**6.3 Motion to ratify students to the Concordia Council on Student Life**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lana Grimes, Philip Dalton, Ali Ghaemi, Laurie Nicholson, Daniel Leibu, Jessica Brown and Judie Davies be ratified as student representatives to the Concordia Council on Student Life for the 1993-94 term.**

Moved by: E. Kamukama
Seconded by: M. Fares

L. Grimes stated that once a representative from Fine Arts has been selected, a member of the executive will step down.

E. Kamukama asked to know if there was sufficient advertising for these positions. A. Ghaemi replied that advertising was done over an extensive period of time at both campuses.

**VOTE ON MOTION 12/0/1 CARRIED**

**6.4 Motion to appoint A. Brousseau to the Concordia Council on Student Life Special Projects Committee**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alan Brousseau be appointed to the Concordia Council on Student Life Special Projects Committee.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: K. McMurray

P. Dalton stated that C. Budman had to step down from this committee due to academic and work constraints. He added that A. Brousseau, V.P. Finance is an asset to this committee. Philip stated that A. Brousseau is in a favorable position to refer students who approach the association for project funding and are are turned away, to the Special Projects Committee of CCSL, of which he will be a member of.

**VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS**

**7.0 Business Arising from the report of the V.P. Finance**

**7.1 Motion to appoint P. Loranger to the Finance Committee**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Phillipe Loranger be appointed as a student at large on the Finance Committee.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: N. Al-Yazdi

A. Brousseau stated that vacancies exist on the Finance Committee for students at large and added that their participation is required to reach quorum at the Finance Committee Meetings.

L. Nicholson asked to know if P. Loranger is still working with the Concordian newspaper. P. Loranger replied that he is the advertising manager of the Concordian. A. Brousseau stated that he does not see any conflict with P. Loranger's participation on the Finance Committee as it has an open policy.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: P. Dalton

**VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION** **UNANIMOUS**

**VOTE ON MOTION** **8/2/1** **CARRIED**

**7.2 Motion to appoint G. Grenier to the Finance Committee**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT G. Grenier be appointed as an alternate representative for the faculty of Arts & Science on the Finance Committee.**

Moved by: S. Mina
Seconded by: P. O'Connor

A. Brousseau stated that he spoke with M. Asfour today who expressed concerns in her ability to attend all the Finance Committee meetings due to time constraints. He added that these meetings are often lengthy and extend past five hours. Alan stated that an alternate is required for the faculty of Arts and Science.

**VOTE ON MOTION** **12/0/1** **CARRIED**

**8.0 Motion to Remove T. Nicolas from the Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS the CUSA Board of Directors revised its attendance policy during a Special Meeting in May, and;**

**WHEREAS the five (5) justified absences or a combination of five (5) justified or unjustified absences from regular meetings constitute grounds for removal, and;**

**WHEREAS Arts and Science director, Tony Nicolas has missed more than five regular**

**meetings of the Board and is thus in delinquency of duty;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Arts and Science director, Tony Nicolas be considered as resigned and his seat considered vacant, effective immediately.**

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: G. Grenier

K. McMurray stated that T. Nicolas left for Yellowknife in May and informed him that if he did not return to school within the first week in September that he would not be returning to Concordia.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with article 3.1 of the Attendance Policy, Tony Nicolas be removed from office immediately, notwithstanding article 4 (Appeals) of the Attendance Policy.**

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: L. Nicholson

L. Grimes stated that she has made several phonecalls to the First Nations office in Yellowknife, with regards to getting in touch with T. Nicolas. She added that all attempts to get in touch with him have failed and that no one at the First Nations office in Yellowknife has heard of him.

P. Dalton asked K. McMurray if he conducted a review of all directors' attendance record. L. Grimes replied that she reviewed the attendance record of all directors and added that she spoke to all the problematic directors who have informed her that the reason for their absence from meetings is due to a scheduling conflict.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND** **UNANIMOUS**

**VOTE ON MOTION** **12/0/4** **CARRIED**

**(Time: 8:30 p.m.)**

**9.0 Motion for Yes/No Vote in the By-Election**

**Motion 618**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT in cases where a seat is uncontested in the By-Election for the Board of Directors a Yes/No ballot be cast. That is to say that by each nominee's name students will be asked to support or reject the nominee's election to a seat on the Board of Directors.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Grimes

P. Dalton stated that this motion allows students the opportunity to voice their opinion should directors be acclaimed in the by-elections.

K. McMurray stated that this is a great idea and added that it works very effectively with other associations.

G. Grenier suggested that this motion be written as a policy to ensure that in future years it is implemented. L. Grimes replied that in order for this motion to be a policy in the future it has to go to a referendum to be binding on the association.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: S. Mina

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| **VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION** | **13/3/0** | **CARRIED** |
| **VOTE ON MOTION** | **14/1/1** | **CARRIED** |

**10.0 Motion to call a referendum on the Concordian Fee Increase**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors mandate the Chief Returning Officer to add the Concordian Fee Question to the Referendum ballot in this October's by-election.**

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: P. O'Connor

P. Loranger stated that the Concordian is presently receiving one-third the funding from student fees of what everyone else is receiving and added that the question should be put to the students to allow them the right to decide, if the Concordian merits a fee increase or not.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: S. Mina
Seconded by: L. Nicholson

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| **VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION** | **11/2/1** | **CARRIED** |
| **VOTE ON MOTION** | **12/2/0** | **CARRIED** |

**11.0 Motion to call a referendum on ANEEQ membership**

**WHEREAS the Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion at the July 9th meeting to hold a referendum on the question of continued ANEEQ membership,**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors mandate the Chief Returning Officer to add the ANEEQ question, as worded by the Board on July 9th, to the Referendum ballot in this October's By-Election.**

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: K. McMurray

L. Grimes stated that the spirit of this motion is to ask the question to students as to whether they wish to continue their membership in ANEEQ.

**VOTE ON MOTION 12/0/2 CARRIED**

**12.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

**12.1 Smoking at Concordia (point raised at previous meetings by member)**

L. Grimes suggested that M. Soso, V.P. Services, lobby the university to get a smoking room for students.

**12.2 Access to Computer facilities for CUSA sponsored clubs**

L. Grimes suggested that this issue be referred to A. Ghaemi, V.P. Administration and added that he be in charge of booking computer time for CUSA sponsored clubs.

**13.0 Reminder-Next Steering Committee meeting-October 14th**

The chair reminded all directors that the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for next week on Thursday, October 14th.

**14.0 Reminder-Next Regular Meeting of the Board-October 21st at 6:00 p.m.**

The chair informed directors that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st at

6:00 p.m. in H-769.

S. Schacter suggested that the meeting be held at the Loyola campus. There were no objections to this request.

L. Grimes informed the Board that the meeting will be held on the third floor -main lounge of the Campus Centre.

## 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: K. Blackburn

**VOTE ON MOTION** **UNANIMOUS**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

M. Giles, Interim Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary